



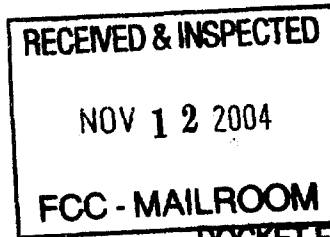
ATHENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: CC Docket No. 02-06
Form 471 Application #367541
BEN# 140717

Dear Sir:

The Athens Independent School District would like to request an appeal of the decisions made for non-funding our Erate discounts. We initially filed an appeal with the Schools and Libraries Division; however, they advised us that FCC rules do not permit them to consider our appeal due to the length of time in filing.

For the past three years our district has contracted the application process. In December, 2003, we began to have somewhat of a problem making contact with our contractor and regretfully, received notice in August, 2004 that we were not funded for any of the service providers submitted by our district.

I feel the decisions that were made could possibly have been due to inexperience regarding what was Erate-able; therefore, causing our complete application to be jeopardized. In addition, all items (leased lines, phone service, and Internet service) are guaranteed Erate items.

We would appreciate any consideration your department would be willing to provide to review the telecommunications service of our district. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 903-677-6951.

Sincerely,

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